

In Memoriam – Michael Beaudrow (1952 - 2012)



Michael Beaudrow, an LBNL employee for 10 years, passed away on March 25, 2012 from pancreatic cancer. Michael's final days were in at-home hospice care surrounded by his loving family. Throughout his illness, Michael reacted to his situation with calmness, courage and remarkable grace.

Michael started working at LBNL in April 2002 as an 88" Cyclotron Operator. In June 2003 he took a position at the Advanced Light Source as an Accelerator Operator. In addition to his skills in running and troubleshooting the accelerator systems, Michael happily took care of the control room computer systems, updating them as required and helping to keep their operating systems and other software tuned up.

He was a very dedicated machine operator who never stopped tuning the beam. Michael had a quiet, modest personality and rarely spoke about himself. He did however joke a lot and had a very wry sense of humor. It sometimes took a while to realize his jokes contained several layers of humor. Mike carried all the tools he ever needed in his pockets.

Michael was born in Salt Lake City, Utah. September 7, 1952. Michael's family (parents and 7 kids) moved to California on February 8, 1964 in an old Ford with a U-Haul in tow. Their first night in California was spent sleeping in the car in front of the Hayward Library. At 13 Michael got a summer job at a TV repair store in Castro Valley. Michael went to San Lorenzo high school and graduated from Mt. Eden High school in June 1970. As part of his high school curriculum, during his Junior and Senior years, he spent three hours per day at a Vocation Skill Center in Hayward for electronics.

After joining the US Navy, Michael continued his electronics education. Michael served for 4 years on nuclear submarines. Afterwards Michael worked for Kevex in San Mateo, traveling for equipment installation and training. He also worked at SLAC (Stanford University) for several years.

Michael is survived by three sisters: Penny, Cindy, Robin and three brothers: Rick, Mark and Wendell.